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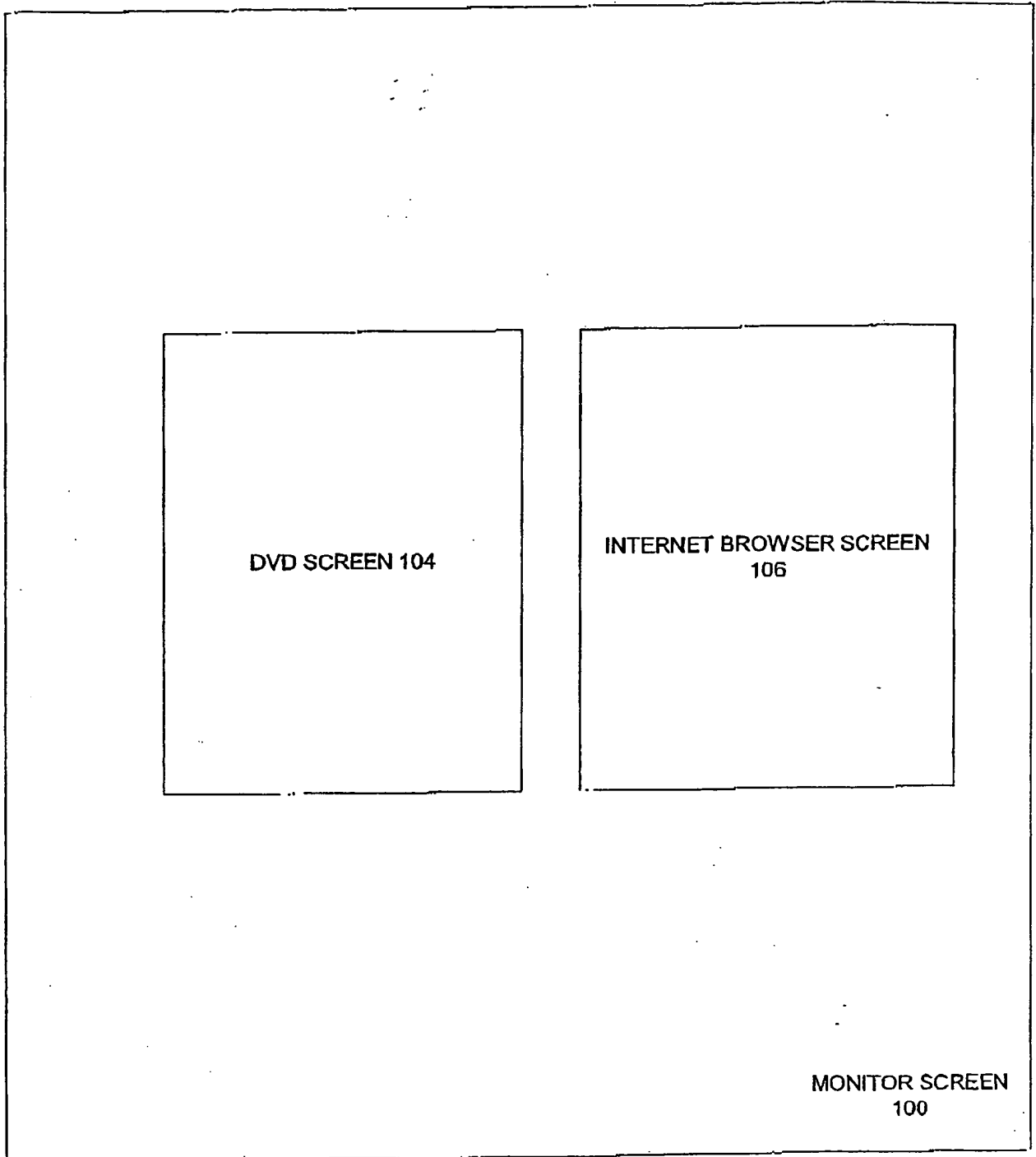


FIG. 1
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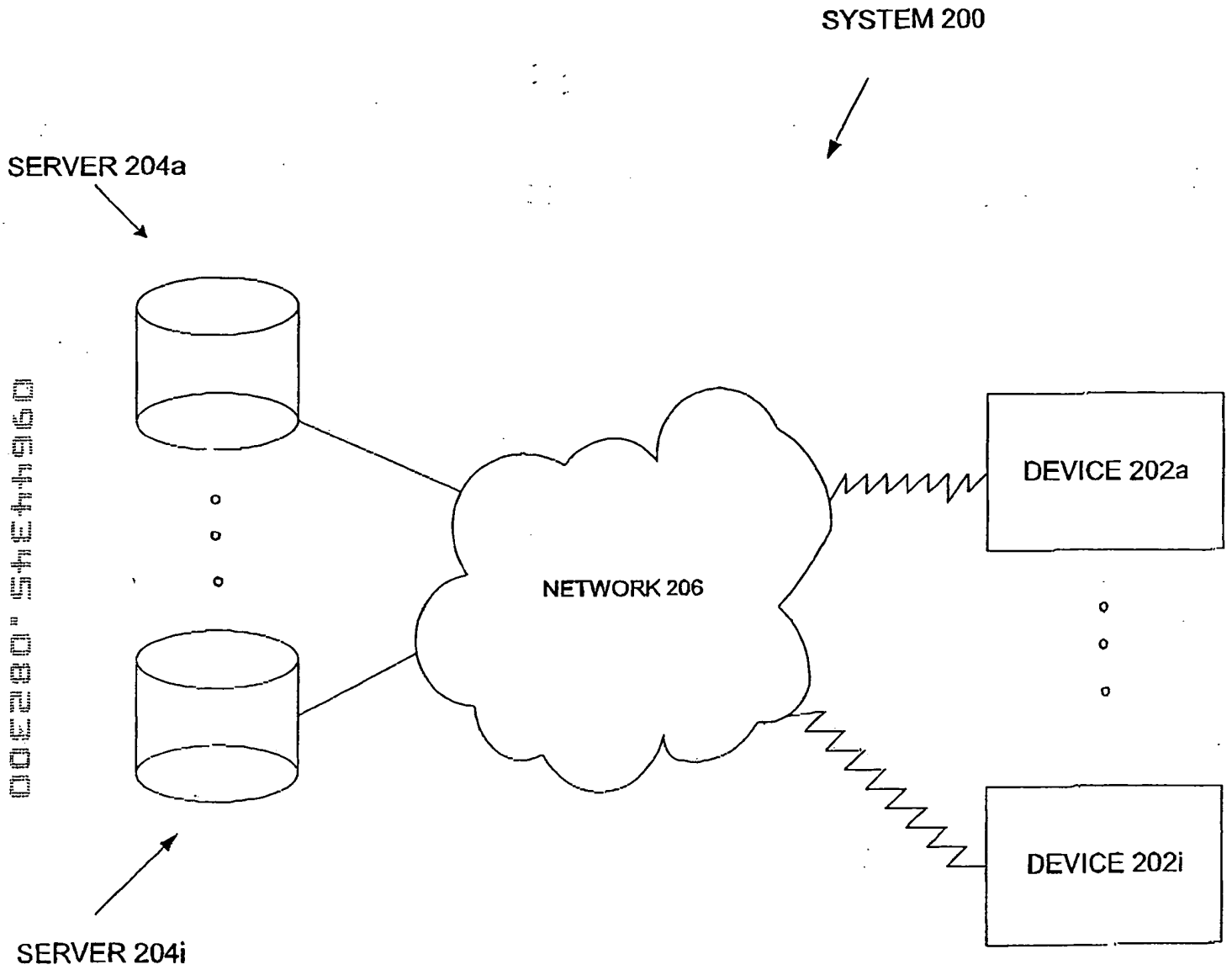


FIG. 2

A hand-drawn schematic diagram of a network topology. A central cloud-like shape represents a network. On the left, a 'SERVER 104' is connected to the network. Various 'DEVICE' nodes are distributed within and around the network boundary, including DEVICE 2024, 2029, 202d, 202e, 202f, 202g, 202h, 202i, 202j, 202k, 202l, 202m, and 202n. Some devices are connected to the network boundary, while others are not.

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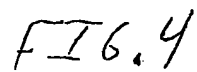


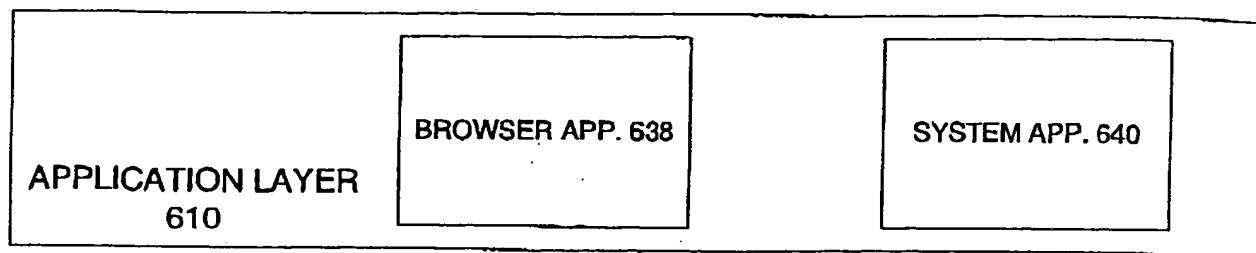
FIG. 4

The diagram shows a central vertical bus line. A horizontal line connects the Multimedia Drive 502 to the Storage Memory 506. Another horizontal line connects the Video Display 504 to the Modem 508. A third horizontal line connects the Processor 510 to the Memory 512. All three horizontal lines intersect the central vertical bus line.

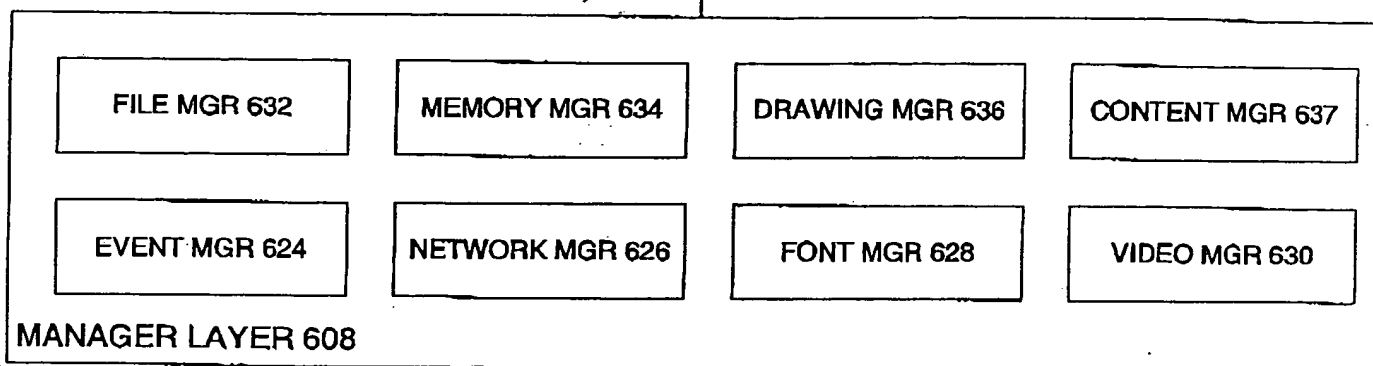
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graph TD; MM502[MULTIMEDIA DRIVE 502] --- Bus; SM506[STORAGE MEMORY 506] --- Bus; VD504[VIDEO DISPLAY 504] --- Bus; M508[MODEM 508] --- Bus; P510[PROCESSOR 510] --- Bus; M512[MEMORY 512] --- Bus;
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DEVICE 202

FIG. 5



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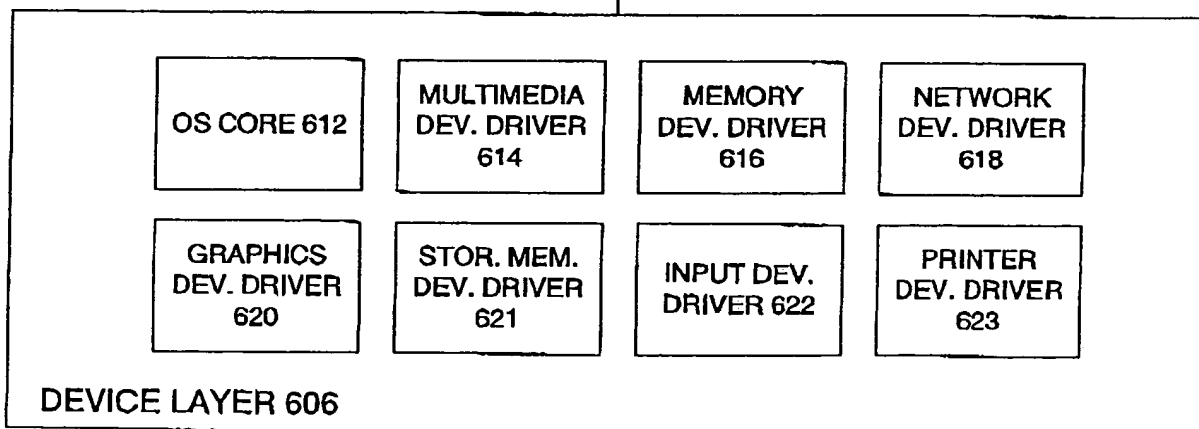


FIG. 6a

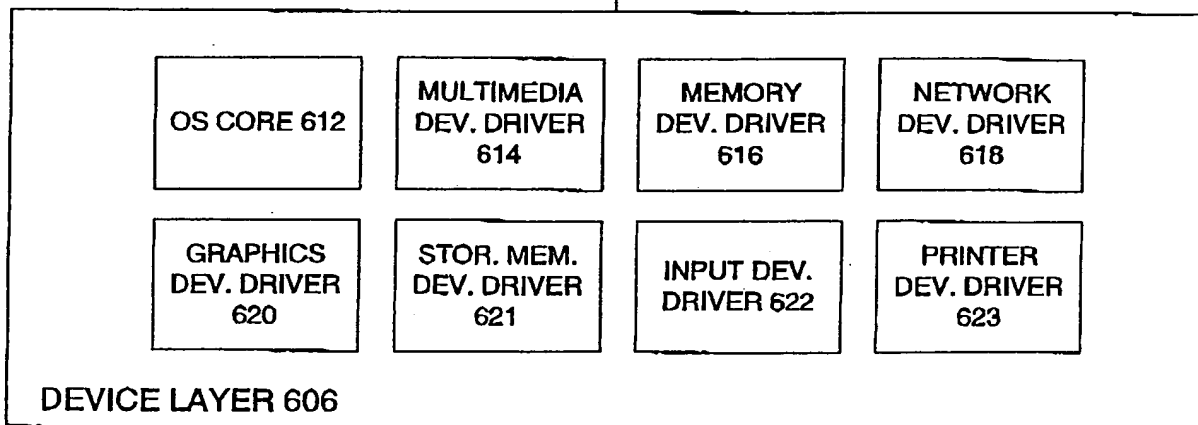
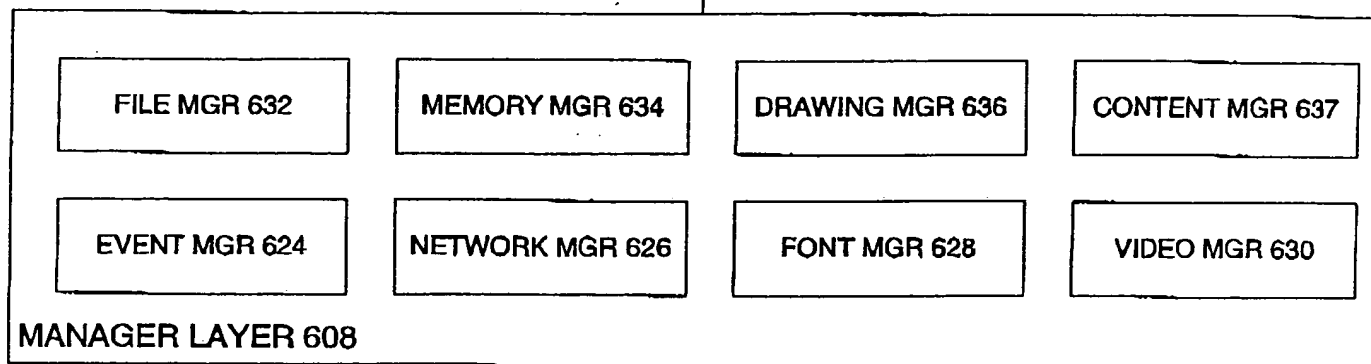
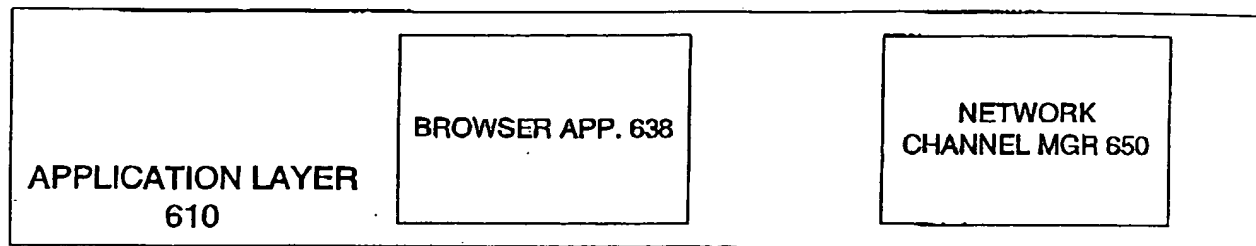


FIG. 6b

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FIG. 7a

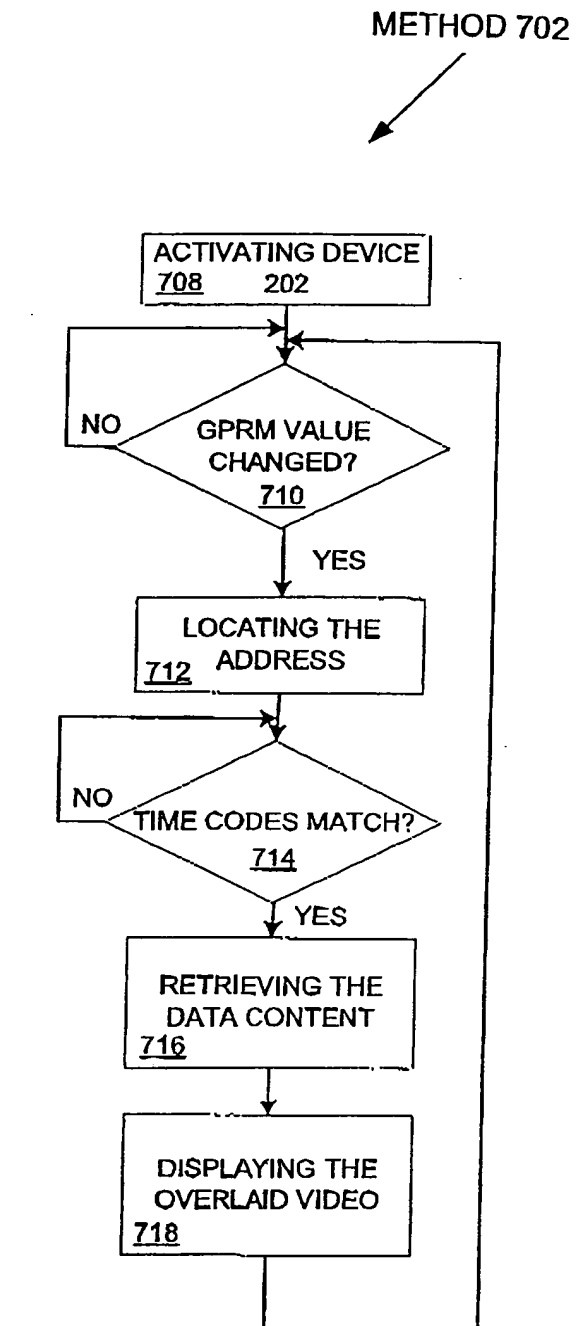
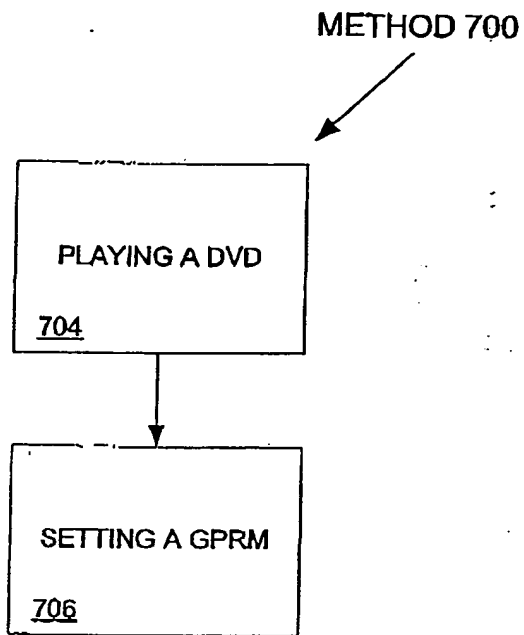


FIG. 7b

